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CHAPTER XIV.

Gormly Resists His Greatest Tempta-

tion. Gormly had faced many difficult sitnations in his life. Even his successful business career had confronted him with crises of moment. But he had never contemplated anything which imposed so hard a task upon his judgment and his feelings as the approaching interview. What means young Haldane would take to induce his sister to come with him, how much of what had transpired he would tell her, Gormly had no means of knowing of course; but he felt confident that by hook or crook the young woman would be produced, and that a tew minutes would find him face to

face with her. He did not in the least know how to begin or what to say, and the more he thought of it the more difficult became the situation. It was well that the time for reflection was short. It is better for a man who has to do great things to do them before the mental and spiritual enemy has time to instil doubts into the mind. And it was with a feeling of relief in his growing apprehension and misery, therefore, that he heard the front door open. He heard voices that he knew in the hall, and in another moment the library door was opened and Miss Haldane entered the room alone. He had risen on her approach and stood confronting her. She was evi-

dently greatly surprised. "I did not know you were here," she began. "Livingstone did not tell me.

I did not expect-" "It was to see me, or rather that I

might see you, that you were brought here, and I alone am responsible."

"It is a most extraordinary proceeding," said the girl nervously. "I can't imagine why I was brought to you."

"It was necessary for me to see you," returned the man.

"Then why didn't you come to my bouse?"

"I could not." "Why not?"

"There are reasons which will probvisitor to your house."

"I believe," said the girl slowly, lowly, "that something very serious must have happened, or you would not have had me brought here." "I can scarcely bear to tell you."

"You alarm me beyond measure!" cried the girl, pressing her hands to her breast as if to still its wild throbbing. "You must not keep me in suspense any longer! What is it that you have to tell me? What is it that is likely to come between us?"

"This," responded Gormly, handing her a few typewritten sheets of paper. "Am I to read this?" she asked, ta-



"And This Is Why You Made Me That Offer of Marriage?"

king it from him and looking very straight at him.

He was very pale now and she was

scarcely less white. "Wait!" said the man, as she lifted the paper and bent her head. "Per-

haps it would be more merciful to tell you." "Just as you think best. I am a

strong woman. I can bear anything. Is it about," there was a long pause-"my father?"

He nodded his head.

"What has he done?" "Miss Haldane," he began, "I say to you quite simply that I would rather be dead than stand here as I do now with the burden of telling you that your father is the head and front, the backbone, the brains, the genius, the everything, of the Gotham Freight company and the Sachem society."

"My God!" exclaimed Miss Haldane, the paper drepping from her fingers to the floor.

She was paler than ever. She stared at him almost in dumb incomprehension. Her body swayed slightly. Gormly stanned closer to her, select her

gently, supported her to a chair by the library table. She put her face in her hands and rocked to and fro

"li can't be true," she said at last. You are mistaken. Surely not my father in that sink of corruption ave. bribery and iniquity and shame! ony It isn't true!"

"I wish to heaven I could say it; but-" The man shook his head. "I told you that I would rather have been dead than have brought this upon

"You are not to blame," answered the woman, her sense of fustice uppermost. "It is the fact itself that kills, if it be a fact. There must be some mistake."

"I wish there was."

"Are you sure absolutely?" "Your father confessed it here in this room a half hour ago."

'Why do you tell me of it?" "Because," was the answer, "the whole world has to know it, and I preferred to tell you myself rather than let you get it from the newspapers."

You are going to publish it?" "Tomorrow morning."

"But why-why?" She threw up her arms in nervous

appeal. "Think," said the man, "it is the one fact that makes my election certain." "And does your ambition run to the wrecking of my father's good name

in order that you may be elected?" "No. If you will think, you will know that it does not. I am doing it for the sake of honor, for the sake of duty, for the sake of humanity," he paused and raised his own hand. "So help me God!" he cried with upturned

face. "But is it necessary?"

"Absolutely."

"Why?" "The cause of popular government is being fought out right here. The contest transcends in importance any political battle that has even been waged. If the government of and for and by the people is to be a success, we have to demonstrate it now or else go down, it may be forever. The people have a right to know what is back of the Sachem society, where it gets its enormous corruption fund. I should be a traitor, false to my duty. a betrayer. If I did not make public this knowledge that has come to me."

"It is all true," she said at last. "You say my father was here?"

"Yes." "He was very much agitated at some news that my brother brought him a short time ago. Does Living-

stone know?" "He does. I told him."

"Why?" "To give him an opportunity to withdraw from association with us in

view of this attack." "And what did he decide?" "He decided to stay with me."

"And this is why you made me that offer of marriage now rather than later?"

"Yes. I wanted you to feel, after you had this news, that while I alone ably render me forever an unwelcome knew it, I paid you the highest com- in that case. And I won't have any pliment that I could think of; that my heart was irrevocably pledged to you whatever was to happen."

"That was kind of you. You have always been kind to me.'

"I don't see how you can say so after this." He pointed to the paper. "This," she replied, her eyes follow-

ing his outstretched hand, "makes a great difference, doesn't it?" "I don't know. I suppose it will. It does not make any difference in me." "But don't you see it makes it im-

possible for me if you— How could I? The enemy of my father!" "I don't suppose you could," he answered. "That is another reason why wrote when I did, because I was fearful that you would hate me when my agency in the unearthing of this was known: that you would receive no communication from me; that our acquaintance would be broken off; and I wanted you to know before it

beart." "I am surprised," said the woman, 'that you could still continue to love the daughter of-

was too late all that was in my

"Don't say that!" quickly interposed Gormly. "I don't love you because you are anybody's daughter, but because you are yourself. I can't trust myself to speak about it when I see you," he continued, turning away, "and could curse myself for ever having become involved in such a situation. wish there was some way out of it.

Sometimes I am minded to-"There is no way out of it," said the girl quickly.

"No. I suppose not." He turned away from her and began to pace the room with long steady steps.

"Mr. Gormly," she said at last, "come here. Sit down there on the other side of the table. I want to see you." Amazed, the man complied with her request.

'Now tell me the whole solemn truth. You say my father was here with you before I came?"

"Yes." "Does he know that you know?" "It was to see me about that that

he came." "Did he make some effort to induce

you not to publish these facts?" "Naturally."

"What was the effort?" "He argued with me." "Is that all?"

"He threatened retaliation." "Is that all?" "I think he even pleaded."

"And is that all?" "Yes," said Gormly, telling her his first lie, telling it bravely, audaclously, even looking her straight in the eye without blenching.

"Mr. Gormly," returned the woman, "whatever he is, my father is not a fool."

"His worst enemy would not so describe him." "He knew that you were not a man

who could be moved by threats or en-

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### STRIKERS IN FATAL BATTLE

treaties. You have demonstrated that

you can be, in this campaign at least,

tron hard, inflexible, immutable. And

there is no argument that any mortal

man could use which could induce you

"What then did he propose to in-

"Great heaven," cried Gormly, "I

have told you all that I will tell you;

all that you have a right to know! Suf-

fice it to say that he did not move

"Mr. Gormly, I ask you, I implore

you, I adjure you, did my father offer

Gormly stared at her in ghastly hor

"You don't answer," said Miss Hal-

"Stop! You are on oath now, by

your honor as a gentleman, by your

belief in God, by your faith in woman-

kind, by your love for me! I want the

truth. Indeed, it is almost unneces-

sary for you to speak. Your silence,

everything, confirms me in that belief.

"Well, I won't then. I have told

"And so you refused me?" said the

you enough. Anything else you must

girl standing up. "Look at me!" She

boldly, magnificently, defiantly before

have learned. You might have had

of your heart. A little silence, a pa-

per torn in two, a momentary forget-

the table as she spoke and held it be-

ment. Think what you might have

had." She stepped slowly around the

shoulder. "Me," she said, "for this,

life had ever laid upon him, this dis-

"What are you made of?" she cried.

"I don't know," gasped the man

"Will you take me now?" she inter-

"No!" said Gormly faintly at last.

"For two reasons. I would not be

"And we have both tried to bribe

"You did not try to bribe me, El-

"I did," she said. "I wanted to test

to see if it was true. I wanted as-

light has gone out of life for me!"

"My dear child," he began tenderly.

She shook her head and sat down

once more and once more buried her

face in her hands. He ventured to

come near to her. He laid his own

hand on her head and stroked it gent-

ly, murmuring broken words; mean-

ingless, save to her on whose ears

they fell indistinctly. At last she lifted

her head and looked at him. She

"You are a great man," she said, "a

strong man, a true man, and I am

only a poor, wretched woman. I kiss

the hand that smites me." Before he

could prevent it she suited the action

to the word. "Now," she said, "go.

You have done all you can. I under-

stand, I believe. Sometimes I think

Without another word Gormly turn

He found Miss Stewart and young

"Go to her!" he said as he passed

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Haldane still in the hall. They stared

I- But won't you go now?"

them. "She needs you."

ed and left her.

his grim face.

caught his hand in both her own.

eanor. I am sure you did not know

you, my father and I, and we have

will you keep this a secret forever?"

"Will you do it? Answer!"

woman that I have to buy."

what you were doing."

hoarsely. "I was a fool!"

"how you tempt me!"

"I won't!"

both failed."

"Why not?"

and you refused!"

cussion.

"And I can't tell you."

get from other people."

to hold your hand. Isn't that true?"

"I-I am afraid so."

me to buy your silence?"

fluence you?"

"No."

answer."

"You can."

### Nonunion Garment Workers Under Police Escort Attacked

### ONE WORKMAN IS SHOT DEAD

Wounded Policeman and Striker Re fielly for constitutional prohibition cers Are Badly Beaten Up.

police, one workman was shot dead, ment. The promoters believe they another fatally wounded and several can get the six necessary in the sep combatants on both sides seriously ate. A man who would do what he has injured. Nonunion tailors employed done would not hesitate at that. But by B. Kuppenheimer & Co. were being I must know, and I must have your escorted to a shop and had been as sailed by the strikers.

Charles Weinike, one of the policemen injured, may die. A striker, shot through the lungs by one of the though having his collarbone broken police guards of the nonunion work- one leg fractured in two places, three ers, is reported dying at St. Eliza- ribs splintered and a number of cuts

stretched her hands out and stood Policeman Albert Winge was beaten for the Illinois Central at Bode, Ia. so severely he was unable to return was brought to a Council Bluffs hoshim. "You refused me! Many men to the police station for duty. Three pital. have wooed me; many men have other policemen were so severely sought me for a wife. I did not love beaten they had to be given medical you, I don't love you; but I might attention. The affray was declared by zoo, Ia. Returning he alighted from date of December 15, says: "The the injured policemen to have been the train at Bode. He ran into the me. You say I am the dearest desire unprovoked.

When the policemen drew their fulness, and I should have been the rioters were armed with homeyours." She picked the paper up from made "billies," composed of a chunl of lead at the end of a short thong, and bumping over the rails and ties for her. "I could tear it up in a moand with these they assalled the policemen savagely.

A marked increase in the bitterness table and approached him. She came with which the strikers engage in riots has been seen since the peace SLAYER OF EXPRESS nearer to him. He stared at her fixedly without moving. She was by his negotiations failed. side now. She laid her hand upon his

The man who was killed was of immense stature and weighed more than 200 pounds. He had felled Policeman He nodded. It was the hardest task | Weinike when he was shot and killed. Later he was identified as P. Noga- Man Who Killed Clarence Conreckis, a former employee of B. Kuppenheimer.

#### BANK ROBBER KILLS SELF

posed swiftly, "and suppress this? If Earl Ward Commits Suicide Sur-I say that I will marry you tomorrow, rounded by Posse of Farmers.

Salina, Kan., Dec. 16 .- Earl Ward, "Great God!" whispered the man, thirty years old, who, it is said, robbed the State bank of Paradise, securing \$2,500, killed himself when surrounded by a posse of farmers, fourteen miles north of that place.

Ward's suicide came as a climax to one of the most sensational robberies worth your respect for a moment if I one of the most sensational robberies in central western Kansas in recent years. He had made a hard ride for company. Anderson reasoned that it liberty, but as the farmers over the entire section had been notified by telephone, the posse easily picked up his trail.

For five hours he succeeded in elud ing the farmers who were after him, but about sundown he was surrounded at a place fourteen miles north of Paradise. At first he seemed to be you. I wanted to try you. I wanted seeking a route to liberty through the lines of the determined farmers, but surance that my father had done this failing to find this, the turned the gun thing. I wanted to measure your manhe had bought earlier in the day upon hood by my womanhood. Oh!" she himself and sent a bullet into his said in a sudden change of mood, "the

When the members of the posse reached his side, they found \$2,500, which Ward had stolen from the bank The bank officials say all of the stolen money was recovered.

### ROADS ASK FOR MEDIATION

Erdman Act Invoked to Aid in Settling Controversy With Engineers.

Chicago, Dec. 16.-The western rail roads have appealed to United States Commissioner of Labor Charles P. Neill and to Chairman Martin Knapp of the interstate commerce commission to act as mediators in the wage controversy between the railroads and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. This was learned from person to whom the delivery is made house, if they would pay them a sum an authoritative source.

This action on the part of the sixtyone railroads operating southwest and north of Chicago, which have had the question of wages up for discussion at him awestruck at the tragedy in with the engineers followed the refusal of the latter to accept the offer

### **NEW SWISS PRESIDENT**

Federal Council Elects March-Emile Ruchet to Succeed Robert Comtess.

One hundred loads of wood, cut Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 16.-The federal assembly in joint session of lot of hedge posts and corn crib posts the national and state councils elected March-Emile Ruchet president of the Swiss confederation for 1911. Louis Ferrer was chosen vice president of the federal council. M. Ruchet is now vice president of the federal council and chief of the department of the interior. M. Ferrer occiped the presidency in 1906. The rettring president is Robert Comtess.

Robin Cooper Is Married.

Louisville, Dec. 16.-Robin Cooper, who, with his father, Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, was charged with the murder of ex-Senator Edward W. Carmack in Nashville in the fall of 1908, was married to Miss Eva Lee Smith,

Jurors Acquits Oscar Jacobs.

Sturgis, S. D., Dec. 16 .- The jury in the case of the state against Oscar Jacobs, charged with killing Elba Roberts here in January, 1909, brought in a verdict of not guilty.

### RESUBMISSION!MEN ARE SURE

They Believe Amendment Will Go Through Legislature.

Des Moines, Dec. 16 .- That the next legislature will be in favor of the resubmission of the prohibition amend ment is the hopeful prognostication made by H. H. Sawyer, president of the lowa Amendment association.

Mr. Sawyer has completed his list of the standing of the legislators on the temperance question. He says in response to his letter for statement of attitude on the question, members of the legislature whom the associa tion considered doubtful previous to the election have come out unqual! ported Dying-Rioters Armed With According to the statistics compiled Home-Made "Billies" and Four Offi- by Mr. Sawyer, there will be twenty members of the senate in favor, eight een opposed and eighteen on the Chicago, Dec. 16.-In a clash be- fence, but the house members will be tween striking garment workers and overwhelmingly in favor of the amend-

### DRAGGED OVER TIES BY TRAIN

Though Terribly Injured in Accident W. H. Wightman Will Live.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 16 .- Al beth's hospital. He is Mark Lingwisz. and bruises, W. H. Wightman, agent MISSOURI PACIFIC STRIKE

Wightman came here to receive a promotion as agent from Bode to Ya station, grabbed his suitcase and raced the strike of machinists, bollermakweapons the strikers fled. Many of caught the hand rails of the last car as the train sped by and there he hung suspended for over a mile, dragging afraid to let go and unable to reach the car platform.

# **DRIVER CONFESSES**

## ditt Falls Under Train.

Milwaukee and St. Paul at Spring Val | will not be until after the conference ley, is a self confessed murderer to be held tomorrow." Clarence Conditt, driver of the Wells Fargo Express company at the same place is dead from the hands of Anderson. The tragedy occurred at the depot. On Sunday night the information was gained some way that Con ditt was to have considerable money in his possession belonging to his would not be a hard matter to get the population from further decline in the money from him, as he usually came to the depot alone, and no one would Grange, and its committee on resoluever suspicion him. When Conditt tions reported in favor of the enactcame, and after the passenger had ment of legislation looking toward the pulled out, he shot Conditt dead. Fear establishment of a state bureau of overtook Anderson over the terrible publicity. tragedy and without even stopping to rob him he laid in wait until an eastbound freight came along and he boarded it. At Lansing he attempted to alight from the train and in doing this made a wrong step and was thrown beneath the wheels. One of and passenger rates in the state and his feet was so badly crushed that amputation was necessary. At once suspicion pointed toward Anderson and he was arrested by Sheriff Nicholson. It was an easy process to secure a full story of the occurrence from Ander-

### RULING IN LIQUOR CASE

Private Parties Have Right to Make

Liquor Deliveries. Pes Moines, Dec. 16 .- The supreme court placed a new interpretation on trict court. Rice is one of the three the state liquor laws when it held that sleuths who were indicted by the a person not connected with any com grand jury on a charge of offering to mon carrier can voluntarily receive and deliver liquor, even though the on a charge of conducting a disorderly does not hold a liquor permit.

Under this ruling the high court reversed the conviction of Thomas convicted on the charge last week. A. Wignall in the Mahaska district court of the crime of receiving a delivery of immediately. liquor contrary to law. Wignall, as a of 91/2 per cent increase over the old compensation, went to the Rock Isl. it a sentence of two years in the pentand station at Eddyville and secured tentiary. cases of beer shipped to his friends and delivered the same to them.

For this act he was arrested and convicted in the lower court.

### Organize to Fight Saloons.

Ida Grove, Ia., Dec. 16 .- A business men's association, formed to defeat the saloon petition, has been launched in Ida Grove. At a meeting of the organization a capital stock of \$50,000 was raised. H H. Sawyer, president of the Amendment association, organized the club.

Pioneer Iowan Expires Suddenly. Elkader, Ia., Dec. 16.-Gilbert

Cooley, veteran civil war postmaster at Strawberry Point, dropped dead while on duty in his office, aged seventy-five. He leaves a widow and four sons, one of whom is Hon. Edwin G. Cooley, the noted educator of a mansion on your neighbor's land. Chicago

### Lone Bandit Robs Bank.

Salina, Kan., Dec. 16 .- A lone bandit held up the State bank at Paradise and secured \$2,500. He forced the cashler to unlock the safe and then learn what a very little ready cash securely tied the eashler and four will do for you. other men with a clothes line before he left.

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"He was in conference with General Manager Sullivan of the Mo. Pacific during the greater part of today and late tonight.

"Mr. O'Connell said that he and his associates had considered the basis of the proposed agreement, following a discussion with Mr. Sullivan, and tonight the matter was submitted in what probably will be its Mason City, Ia., Dec. 16.-Fred An final form. The exact nature of the derson, weighmaster of the Chicago agreement was not announced and

### OPPOSE TARIFF REDUCTION

Grange Would Retain Present Rates

on Meat and Grain. Des Moines, Dec. 16 .- Publicity in the only thing that will save the rural state in the mind of the lowa State

Opposed to any changes in the tariff which will affect meats and agricultural products, the Grange adopted resolutions declaring its hostility to tariff reduction along this line. It will oppose any attempt to increase freight for the preservation of game recommends the passage of a law which wilt prevent the killing of quail for a period of from five to ten years.

### RICE CONVICTED BY JURY

Detective Found Guilty of Attempting to Extort Money.

Des Moines, Dec. 16 .- A. W. Rice, formerly a detective for the Anti-Saloon league, was found guilty of attempted extortion by a jury in the disrelease an East side couple, arrested of money.

C. P. Browning, one of the trio, was R McKee, the third one, will be tried

Rice lives in Columbia City, Ia. His favor to some friends and without conviction on the charge carries with



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your wife. Become Independent. Others have done it, why not you? Start today. Come and see us and

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